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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***Officer Involved Shooting***

This information is based on a preliminary investigation. At approximately 1:15 PM, San Antonio Police received a call for a shooting at 225 E. Sonterra. Officer Michael Blanquiz, a 7-year veteran, was in the immediate area and arrived within one minute of the call. As Officer Blanquiz arrived, he proceeded to the rear of the medical building and immediately saw a male standing over a female, who was shot and lying on the ground. Officer Blanquiz also saw that the male was armed with a handgun. Officer Blanquiz immediately exited his patrol car, drew his service weapon, and verbally ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. Instead, the suspect began to advance towards Officer Blanquiz. Officer Blanquiz retreated for cover behind his patrol car, while at the same time the suspect continued to advance. Fearing for his life, and the life of bystanders, Officer Blanquiz fired his weapon multiple times, striking the suspect. After being shot, the suspect went down and was then contained for medical attention. Officer Blanquiz was not injured. The revolver handgun the suspect was holding was recovered at the scene.

EMS responded to the scene and both the suspect and victim were transported to University Hospital for treatment. The victim, identified below, subsequently died from her gunshot wounds and the suspect is currently in surgery at University Hospital. The victim is a physician at the location where the shooting occurred, and it's believed that the suspect is the spouse of one of the victim's patients. At this time, the motive of the shooting is not known.

The identity of the suspect is being withheld pending the filing of formal charges.

**VICTIM:** *Abbott, Julie W/F 03-23-61*

Officer Blanquiz will be placed on Administrative Duty, which is standard procedure in all officer-involved shootings. The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team will conduct the investigation and forward their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

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